

CLAIMS

1. A water-soluble container comprising a first compartment containing a first composition, a second
5 compartment containing a second composition and a rigid spacer located in the first compartment and/or the second compartment, such that a wall or wall section of the first and/or second compartment is prevented from contacting a wall or wall section of the other compartment.
- 10 2. A container as claimed in claim 1, wherein more than 30% of the surface area of the second compartment is enclosed by the first compartment.
- 15 3. A container as claimed in claim 2, wherein more than 50% of the surface area of the second compartment is enclosed by the first compartment.
4. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein
20 the first compartment is sealed with a sealing member, and wherein the sealing member comprises the second compartment containing the second composition.
5. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein
25 the second composition is moisture-sensitive.
6. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first compartment and/or the second compartment is formed of poly(vinyl alcohol).
- 30 7. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first compartment and/or the second compartment comprises means for retaining the spacer in position.

8. A container as claimed in claim 7, wherein a wall section of the first compartment and/or the second compartment comprises a recess for the spacer.
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9. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first compartment has been formed by thermoforming or injection moulding.
- 10 10. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the first composition is a liquid.
11. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the second composition is a solid or a liquid.
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12. A container as claimed in claim 11, wherein the second composition is a compressed solid or a particulate solid.
13. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein
- 20 the spacer is substantially spherical.
14. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein the spacer comprises a composition that is enclosed in a housing formed of a water-soluble polymer.
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15. A container as claimed in claim 14, wherein the water-soluble polymer is applied by spray coating.
16. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, which
- 30 comprises more than one spacer.

17. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, which is suitable for use in laundry or ware washing.

18. A container as claimed in any preceding claim, wherein
5 the spacer is positioned in the first compartment.

19. A process for producing a container as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 18, said process comprising:

i) forming an open container, positioning the spacer in
10 the open container, at least partially filling the container with the first composition and with the second compartment containing the second composition, and sealing the container; or

ii) forming an open container, positioning the spacer
15 in the open container, at least partially filling the container with the first composition, and sealing the container with a sealing member comprising the second compartment containing the second composition.